

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner rejected claim 8 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,666,067 (Stolper) under 35 USC 102(e). Although the Applicant does not necessarily agree with the positions taken by the Examiner and reserves the right to further pursue this claimed invention, claim 8 has been canceled to further the prosecution of the present application. Restricted claims 6 and 7 have also been canceled.

The Examiner allowed claim 9. The Applicant has added new claims 10 and 11, dependent from allowed claim 9, without the introduction of any new matter. Given at least the allowance of claim 9, these dependent claims should be also clearly allowed over the known prior art.

The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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